



OUTREACH

Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)

GS-0462-06/07

Permanent, Full Time, 18/8

Boise National Forest

Duty Station: Emmett, Idaho

The Boise National Forest will soon be filling a zoned, permanent 18/8 position on the North zone of the Boise National Forest (Emmett, Idaho). This position may be advertised as a GS-0462-06 or 07 Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep).

Candidates who respond to this outreach will receive the announcement number and open and close date information via email when available. Outreach responses will be used to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method. Interested applicants should complete the online outreach response no later than August 7.

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POSITION AND DUTIES:

This position consists of timber sale preparation duties throughout the north zone of the Boise National Forest (the Emmett, Cascade and Lowman Ranger Districts comprise the north zone).

Major duties at the GS-06 level:

Conducts timber cruises and surveys within varying stand conditions to locate and estimate the quantity of timber on a given area, according to species, type, and quality.

Estimates volume, defect, and quality of timber in a given area. Measures and defects timber on the ground using maps and written cruise plans provided by an advanced cruiser that explain sampling intensity, plot locations, type of cruise and any special instructions.

Under supervision of a professional forester, and using pre-established marking rules, selects and marks trees to be harvested or left uncut. Lays out boundaries of cutting areas as outlined in the related NEPA document, considering variables such as accessibility, steep slopes, stream protection, nesting tree protection, wildlife impacts, fuels management and regeneration requirements. Brings to attention of responsible individual situations where specific prescriptions do not fit ground conditions. Marks trees using marking rules in areas complicated by variations in type, species composition, defect, site, age class, etc. Prepares area maps, marks unit boundaries and occasionally uses GPS to record boundary locations.

Is able to follow clear directions given by supervisor or other senior personnel and implement it efficiently, producing high quality outcomes that meet Regional standards.

Summarizes cruising and marking data and prepares reports and topographic maps indicating quantity of timber, condition of area, difficulties to be encountered, etc.

As assigned, assists in other aspects of natural resource management, such as inspection of forestry planting and cutting contracts to ensure State-required Best Management Practices are implemented. Monitors and inspects for compliance (with terms) of timber contracts.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Major duties at the GS-07 level:

Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground which are inconsistent with the prescription or marking guide.

Develops and drafts timber cruise plans. Applies instructions issued in a cruise plan. Provides field instruction to apprentice cruisers in fundamental timber measuring practices, cruise methods, and techniques.

Interprets computer output reports, tables, and statistics to provide quantity and quality estimates of timber products.

Lays out timber sale boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments and other instruction, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management,

silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource considerations. Determines acreage by traverse, map or aerial photograph methods, or Global Positioning System (GPS).

Writes reports describing timber sale, resource, topographic features, and compliance of timber marking with guidelines. Interprets aerial photographs for information such as road locations, sale boundaries, survey monuments, and other features. Drafts sale area maps.

Provides technical assistance to specialists in the development of complex logging plans and preliminary road location.

Performs other multifunctional work, as assigned, in other areas of resource management such as wildlife, recreation, visuals, resource planning, and fire management.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Supervisory duties at either level:

Performs supervisory duties 20% or less of the time. Plans the work to be accomplished by the unit, assigns work to employees, and establishes production or quality standards for the unit's work. Establishes and communicates guidelines and performance requirements to employees; conducts formal performance reviews; and identifies and provides for the developmental and training needs of employees. Hears and resolves employee complaints, effects minor disciplinary measures, and recommends action in more serious cases. Performs administrative and human resources management functions for the unit; provides advice, counsel or instruction on both administrative and work matters; and assures full compliance with safety regulations.

Promotes equal opportunity and employs nondiscriminatory practices for merit promotion, recruitment and hiring of applicants; encouragement, recognition and fair treatment of all employees; and career development and full utilization of employees' skills. Adheres to nondiscriminatory employment practices regarding race, color, national origin, age, disability; and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal; or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

THE FOREST:

The Boise National Forest's vast landscape spans over 2.5 million acres of diverse forest and grassland. Located northeast of Idaho's capital city of Boise, recreationists can explore the North Fork Payette River Canyon at 2,800 feet in elevation to the nearly 10,000 foot peak of Trinity Mountain. Whether you choose to explore any of more than 500 trails, or cool off in one of over 250 lakes and reservoirs, the Boise National Forest is truly an outdoor enthusiast's dream!

NORTH ZONE:

The Emmett Ranger District of the Boise National Forest manages over 350,000 acres of public land and resources within the Squaw Creek and Payette River systems, 35 miles north of Boise, Idaho. The District's main office is located in Emmett, Idaho, but an equally important contingent of the District's workforce is located at the Garden Valley work center.

The Cascade Ranger District is the northern most District on the Boise National Forest. Encompassing approximately 450,000 acres, the District offers a diverse resource management program including: Recreation, Wildlife, Fisheries, Timber, Range and Watershed.

The Lowman District covers 479,000 acres. Activities managed by the District includes vegetation management programs, mining, outfitter-guide services, wildlife and fish programs, recreational lease holding, and both developed and dispersed camping. Wildlife is abundant in the area.

EMMETT, IDAHO:

Emmett, Idaho is a full service community located in Southwest Idaho along the Payette River at the junction of Idaho Highways 16 and 52. The city has a population of about 6,500 and is the seat of Gem County (population 16,000). Smaller towns nearby in Gem County are Letha, Sweet and Ola. Boise, in Ada County, is about 25 miles southeast of Emmett. Emmett sits at 2,373 feet in elevation and enjoys a four-season climate. Average July maximum temperature is 95 F, and January's average low is 16 F. Average annual precipitation is 13.26 inches. The elevation of Gem county ranges from 2,260 feet to 7,865 feet, with cooler summers and snowy winter weather at the higher elevations. Some rentals are available in Emmett. The real estate market offers older and newer homes for sale as well as vacant land from city size lots to large acreages available. A full range of housing choices is also available in the Greater Boise area.

For more information: Gem County Chamber of Commerce:

<http://www.emmettidaho.com/>

BOISE, IDAHO:

Boise is about 45 minutes from either Emmett or Mountain Home and offers the services and amenities of the largest city in the State of Idaho. Many employees commute from Boise daily. The population of Boise is approximately 210,000, with an additional 230,000 in the surrounding metropolitan area. An international airport, shopping, colleges, and universities, and a variety of cultural and sporting events are readily accessible and available. Boise has 34 grade schools, 9 junior high schools, and 5 high schools.

Several large regional, national, and international companies are headquartered in the "Treasure Valley", including Morrison-Knudsen, Simplot, Boise Cascade, Micron Technologies, and Hewlett-Packard. Two large medical regional centers (St. Lukes and St. Alphonsus) are also located here. Housing prices begin in the \$120,000's.

For more information: Boise Chamber of Commerce:

<http://www.boisechamber.org/>



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